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In the Claims

Claim 1 (original): A mirror mounting apparatus for a vehicle having a mounting rod with a bore therethrough defining an outlet, the mounting rod configured to be affixed to the vehicle, the mirror mounting apparatus comprising:

a mirror housing assembly configured to support a mirror glass;

a base member for mounting the mirror housing assembly to the mounting rod, the base member having a shaft defining an opening therethrough, the opening in the shaft configured to deliver a line from the outlet of the bore into the mirror housing assembly;

a compression element disposed coaxially about the shaft and configured to urge the mirror housing assembly and the mounting rod together; and